

Appl. No: 09/740,212  
Amdt. Dated July 9, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of May 21, 2004

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-26 were pending. Independent claim 8 is amended to correct a typographical error. Independent claim 13 is amended to include the limitations of objected to but allowed claim 17 and intervening claims 14 and 15, and claims 14, 15, and 17 are canceled.

No new matter is added with support being found at least in the original claims. Claims 1-13, 16, and 18-26 remain for consideration by the Examiner.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

In the May 21, 2004 Office Action, claims 1-12 and 19-26 were allowed. Claim 17 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim but was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. To this end, independent claim 13 was amended to include the limitations of claim 17 and intervening claims 14 and 15. As a result of this amendment to claim 13, claim 13 and claims 16 and 18 that depend from claim 13 are believed to be allowable.

#### **Objection to the Specification**

The Office Action objected to the specification because boldface type was used at least for the section and subsection headings, and provided a guideline for section headings. Applicants request that all boldface type be replaced with non-boldface type (such as at printing). Further, Applicants have revised several of the section and subsection headings to better comply with the guidelines provided by the Examiner.

#### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103**

In the Office Action, claims 13-16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,484,149 ("Jammes") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,409 ("Blumenthal"). Independent claim 13 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 17 and intervening claims 14 and 15, and claims 14, 15, and 17 are canceled. Hence, claim 13 and claims 16 and 18 that depend from claim 13 are believed in condition for allowance and the rejection based on Jammes and Blumenthal is addressed.

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**Conclusion**

In view of all of the above, the claims are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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